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IRIS COLLECTION OFFERS



Season 1924

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Although I will not issue a Price List on the rare varieties of Irises which are growing in my "European Iris Garden" until after the blooming season, I have decided to include some of them in my collection offers, which I always send out in the month of May.

I was quite surprised last year to find that my one hundred dollar collection offer, was the most successful, and I realize now that the reason for its great popularity was because the varieties it contained offered the greatest possibilities to Iris breeders. The collection offers this year will be even more interesting to Iris breeders, for I believe the first four collections listed in this leaflet will contain the best Irises which have so far been successfully grown in the climate of the Eastern part of the United States.

Dominion (Bliss) was the greatest step forward in Iris development until the advent of the Dominion seedlings, Swazi, Moa, Duke of Bedford, Cardinal, Bruno, Titan, Glamour, Tenebrae, and Yeoman. All of these varieties, Mr. Wister, Mr. Wassenberg and I saw in England two years ago, and we could at once see that most of them were improvements upon the original Dominion, for Mr. Bliss had succeeded in making the crosses which gave the Dominion seedlings height and the branching form, and still retained in them the large size and the thick, richly colored, velvety petals which had made Dominion the best Iris in the world.

If I remember correctly, Mr. Wister thought Duke of Bedford was the finest of the Dominion seedlings, while Mr. Wassenberg decided upon Swazi; Mr. Wallace, the great English Iris grower, was strong for Bruno, while I could hardly decide whether I liked Cardinal or Moa the better. Titan has the greatest size, and retains the splendid quality in its petals, but its color is not so attractive, while Glamour has the color and quality, but not the size. Tenebrae and Yeoman, the other two Dominion seedlings, do not stand out so distinctly in my memory. Each of us wished to purchase every one of the Dominion seedlings in quantity, but the stock of plants was so limited and Mr. Wallace priced them at such a high figure, that we could secure only a very limited supply. I do not know at what prices they can be procured in England now, but Mr. Wallace's published price on Swazi at that time was ten English pounds (nearly fifty dollars); Cardinal the same price, and I notice that both Bruno and Duke of Bedford were listed at eight pounds (nearly forty dollars each), and when my shipment arrived in the United States I found the government had passed a new tariff law, and I had to pay thirty percent duty on all the Irises I purchased abroad. I hope the few plants I can spare this year will fall into the hands of Iris enthusiasts who will be able to carry still further the improvements that Mr. Bliss has made in the Dominion race and which Yeld, Hort, Dykes, Vilmorin, Millet, Perry, Denis, and Cayeux have made in the other varieties which are included in these collection offers.

Of course, I realize that my "European Iris Garden," with its limited amount of space and planting, will not be able to supply the demand this year for the new European Irises, but I feel very sure I will be able to take care of a great many more of my customers than last year.

The plants will probably be ready for shipment in July. My regular terms will apply to these collections: Cash with order, plants to be shipped by express, transportation charges to be paid by purchaser.

I have carefully examined my stock of every variety of Iris in these collections, and I find it all satisfactory and healthy. If, however, at shipping time, I should find any variety not in health, I hereby reserve the right to cancel the order for any collection in which

such variety may be listed, and return to the purchaser the money he sent me for it.

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COLLECTION "1924-A":

DOMINION (Bliss)
DUKE OF BEDFORD (Bliss) (A Dominion seedling.)
IMPERATOR (Cayeux)
MADAME GAUDICHAU (Millet)
HERMIONE (Hort)
MAGNIFICA (Vilmorin)
PROSPERO (Yeld)
LENT A. WILLIAMSON (Williamson)
QUEEN CATERINA (Sturtevant)
MADAME CHOBOUT (Denis)
GOLD CREST (Dykes)
ZOUAVE (Vilmorin)

12 varieties for.....\$100.00

Only six of the above collections will be offered this year.

COLLECTION "1924 B":

DOMINION (Bliss)
MOA (Bliss) (A Dominion seedling.)
CITRONELLA (Bliss)
MOTHER OF PEARL (Sturtevant)
AMBASSADEUR (Vilmorin)
ASIA (Yeld)
Mlle. SCHWARTZ (Denis)
MIRANDA (Hort)
COL. CANDELOT (Millet)
LORD OF JUNE (Yeld)
JULIETTE WALLET (Cayeux)

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COLLECTION "1924-C":

DOMINION (Bliss)
CARDINAL (Bliss) (A Dominion seedling.)
SUSAN BLISS (Bliss)
RUBY (Dykes)
SUNSET—OCHRACEA COERULEA (Denis)
AZURE (Bliss)

BALARUC (Denis)
CLUNY (Vilmorin)
DEUIL DE VALERY MAYET (Denis)
EMIR (Yeld)
ROSALBA (Bliss)
OPERA (Vilmorin)
YELLOW HAMMER (Dykes)

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COLLECTION "1924-D":

DOMINION (Bliss)
BRUNO (Bliss) (A Dominion seedling.)
BLACK PRINCE (Perry)
DAPHNE (Bliss)
GREVIN (Vilmorin)
HIPPOLYTA (Hort)
LADY BYNG (Bliss)
MME. DURRAND (Denis)
QUEEN MARY, Syn. WHITE QUEEN (?)
RICHARD II (Perry)
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COLLECTION "1924-E":

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MADAME GAUDICHAU (Millet)
AMBASSADEUR (Vilmorin)
ASIA (Yeld)
BLACK PRINCE (Perry)
LENT A. WILLIAMSON (Williamson)
FLAMMENSCHWERT (Goos & Koenemann)
MIRANDA (Hort)
GERMAINE LE CLERC (Cayeux)
SHEKINAH (Sturtevant)

GOLD CREST (Dykes)
MLLE. SCHWARTZ (Denis)

Collection for.....\$ 50.00

Only six of the above collections will be offered this year.

This collection of very fine Irises for twenty-five dollars will, I am sure, appeal to a great multitude of Iris enthusiasts all over the United States.

COLLECTION "1924-F":

AMBASSADEUR (Vilmorin)
ASIA (Yeld)
COL. CANDELOT (Millet)
LORD OF JUNE (Yeld)
MLLE. SCHWARTZ (Denis)
MME. GAUDICHAU (Millet)
OPERA (Vilmorin)
PROSPERO (Yeld)
LENT A. WILLIAMSON (Williamson)
MME. DE SEVIGNE (Denis)
ALCAZAR (Vilmorin)
EDOUARD MICHEL (Verdier)

Collection for.....\$ 25.00

Here are three collections at ten dollars each, which, if we omit the Dominion strain, offer the best varieties to the Iris breeder that can be obtained in Europe.

COLLECTION "1924-G":

AZURE (Bliss)
AMBIGU (Vilmorin)
AMBASSADEUR (Vilmorin)
ASIA (Yeld)
DAWN (Yeld)
COL. CANDELOT (Millet)
OPERA (Vilmorin)

Collection for.....\$ 10.00

COLLECTION "1924-H":

DEJAZET (Vilmorin)
EDOUARD MICHEL (Verdier)
LORD OF JUNE (Yeld)
MADAME GAUDICHAU (Millet)
MME. CHOBOUT (Denis)
NEPTUNE (Foster)
ALCAZAR (Vilmorin)

LENT A. WILLIAMSON (Williamson)

Collection for.....\$ 10.00

COLLECTION "1924-I":

MLLE. SCHWARTZ (Denis)

PROSPERO (Yeld)

TROOST (Denis)

CLUNY (Vilmorin)

HALO (Yeld)

GOLIATH (Cayeux)

ANNA FARR (Farr)

Collection for.....\$ 10.00

My experience has shown me that next to my hundred dollar collections of fine Irises, offers of splendid varieties in a five dollar collection will bring the most money to the grower who is making the offer. I am submitting two collections which I believe contain greater value than any offers I have ever before submitted to my customers.

COLLECTION "1924-J":

AZURE (Bliss)

ALCAZAR (Vilmorin)

LORD OF JUNE (Yeld)

PARC DE NEUILLY (Verdier)

QUEEN FLAVIA (Caparne)

DEJAZET (Vilmorin)

POCAHONTAS (Farr)

OPERA (Vilmorin)

Collection for.....\$ 5.00

COLLECTION "1924-K":

PETIT VITRY (Cayeux)

ANNA FARR (Farr)

BLUE JAY (Farr)

QUAKER LADY (Farr)

IRIS KING (Goos & Koenemann)

PALLIDA DALMATICA

MME. BLANCHE PION (Caleux)

MISS E. EARDLEY (Perry)

PROSPER LAUGIER (Verdier)

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